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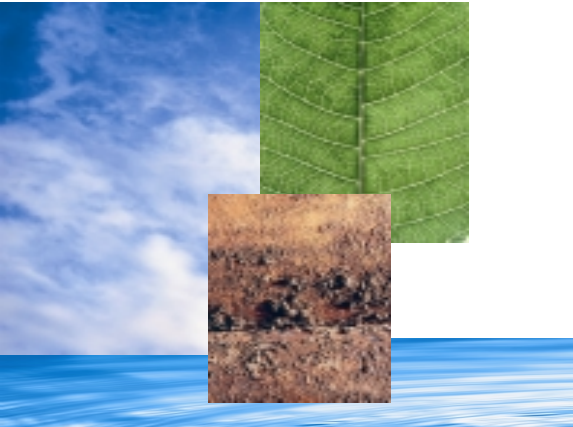
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Where have we come from - where are we going?

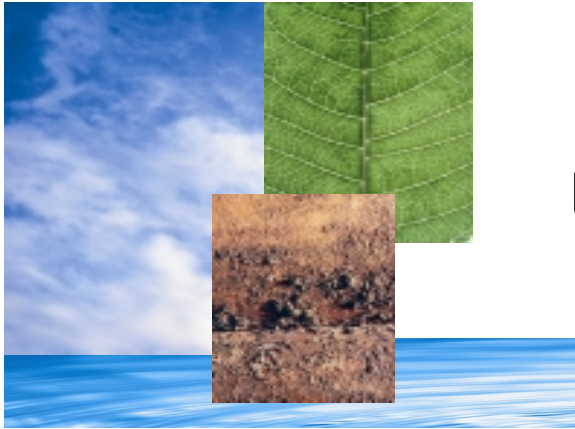
- This presentation:
 - » sketches our experience within the Australian Greenhouse Office's alternative fuels team in developing and delivering the Australian government's relatively new alternative fuels programs;
 - » provides a brief 'score-card' of the programs' successes and frustrations over the past two years; and
 - » outlines some possible future directions for the programs.



Australia's Alternative Fuels Programs - Background

- Australia is justifiably proud of achieving 'the greenest Olympics ever' last year and, overall, Australia's environment remains relatively pristine.
- Nevertheless, as the next slide shows, greenhouse emissions and air quality issues - particularly from road transport - are increasingly urgent problems in Australia, especially in our cities.
- Australians consistently identify air quality as their paramount environmental concern. Opinion polls also suggest a broad consensus on the need for effective greenhouse action as well.

Part of the problem: Sydney under Smog





Part of the solution: Australia's Alternative Fuels Programs

- The Australian Government delivers three alternative fuels programs, all with unwieldy titles:
- The Alternative Fuels Conversion Program;
- The Compressed Natural Gas Infrastructure Program; and
- The Diesel and Alternative Fuels Grants Scheme.